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FOR INR DIRECTOR SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAFS: ECON, PINR, KE, SU
SUBJ: ANALYTICAL STUDY OF KENYA-SUDAN ECONOMIC/POLITICAL
POTENTIAL

REF: YOUR LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1976

1. IN VIEW TIME FRAME, REPLYING BY CABLE. YOUR PLANS FOR
IAM SOUND GOOD. REGARDING ECONOMIC STUDY, WHILE I AM SURE
DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIST YOU NAME WOULD DO EXCELLENT JOB, IT IS
MY GENERAL VIEW THAT SUCH CONTRACTED STUDIES TEND TO BE TOO
ACADEMIC IN NATURE, HISTORICAL, AND FAIL TO TAKE INTO
CONSIDERATION SOME OF THE MOST CURRENT STATISTICS (SOME-
TIMES NOT AVAILABLE TO THEM). MY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR IS
PLANNING FOR HIS SECTION TO COMPLETE AN AIRGRAM ON KENYA'S
ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SUDAN BY END OF DECEMBER. PERHAPS
IT MIGHT BE BEST TO WAIT FOR RESULT OF EMBASSY'S STUDY AND
YOUR EVALUATION OF IT PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING OUTSIDE CONTRACT.

2. I DO AGREE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES SHOULD BE
SEPARATELY UNDERTAKEN, BUT FEEL IT IS VITAL THAT BOTH
BE PUT TOGETHER IN OVERALL PROJECTION, EVALUATION AND
ESTIMATE OF SITUATION.
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